

**Response to Rule 312 Communication**

| Application No. | Applicant(s)   |
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| 09/273,164      | ROBERTS ET AL. |
| Examiner        | Art Unit       |
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1.  The amendment filed on 17 September 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.